



MITCHELLTECH

Campus Updates

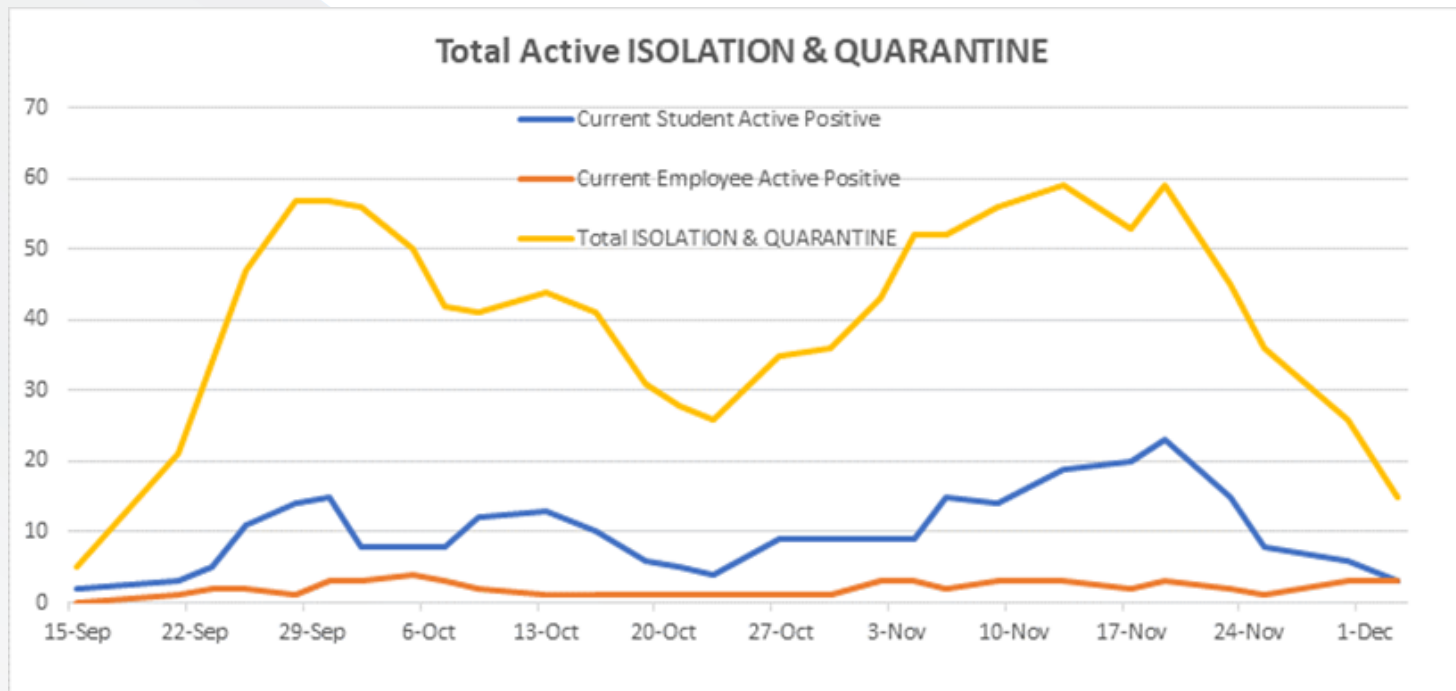
- ❑ **In-person instruction** will continue through December 17th and resume January 11th
- ❑ COVID plan “**Return to Campus, Remain on Campus**” is currently showing to be effective
 - Masks Required
 - Social Distancing
 - 24/7 Air handling
 - Hand sanitizing stations
 - Classroom protocols
 - MERV filters – replaced monthly





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- ❑ Five calls from DOH- close contacts at MTC
- ❑ [Coronavirus Dashboard - Mitchell Technical College](#)



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- ❑ Higher Learning Commission
 - Virtual visit October 26th & 27th
 - Awaiting the “official-status” from the Institutional Actions Committee late December 2020 or early January 2021
- ❑ Planning for additional Student Success Coach
 - Interviews wrapping up soon
 - New hire to begin January 2021
- ❑ RN Program
 - Curriculum approved by Board of Nursing
 - Interviews (2 faculty, 1 assistant) are being planned for March 2021



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Students In The News

❑ Power Line student Mary Millican

- From Spring Creek, Nevada
- Mike Rowe WORKS Foundation Scholarship winner
- Viral TikTok showcases her climbing ability and proficiency



❑ Power Sports student Hallie Newton

- From Parkston, South Dakota
- One of five recipients of a \$2,000 South Dakota Retailers Association Scholarship



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Facilities Updates

□ Fitness Center

- Bids approved by the Mitchell School Board
- Construction scheduled to begin in December 2020
- Grand opening set for March/April 2021
- 24/7 student access





SOUTHEAST
Technical College

FALL 20 Part-time vs. Full-time Students

FALL 2020

- **48% of the students enrolled for Fall 2020 are part-time.** (*52% of students are full-time*)
- 31% of the credits for Fall 2020 are taken by part-time students. (*69% of credits are taken by full-time students*)
- **In Fall 2016, 34% of enrolled students were part-time.**
- **42% PELL grant award.**



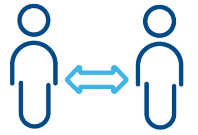
Fall 2019 to 2020 Retention

FALL 2020

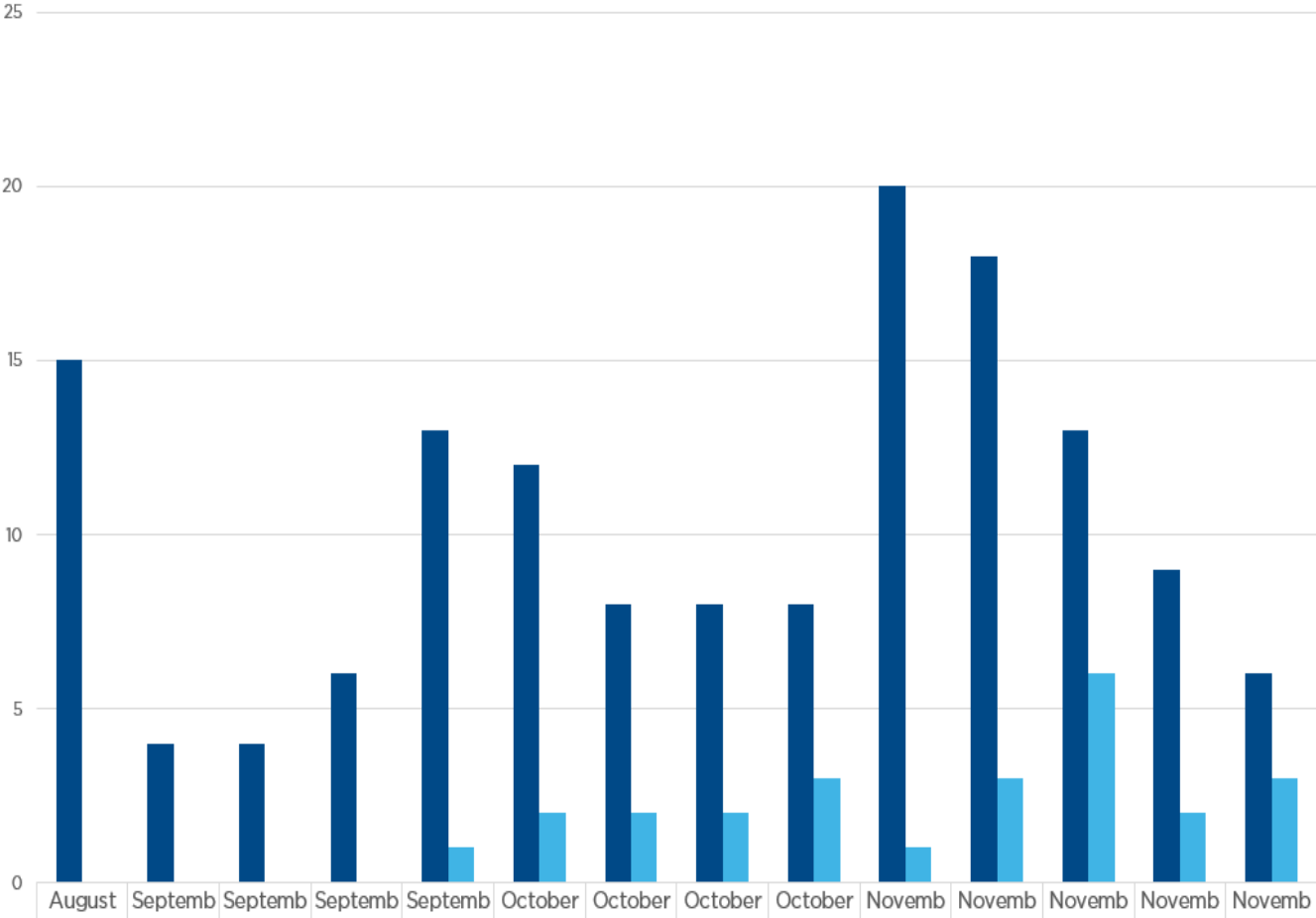
- **Fall-to-Fall retention rate increased from 72% in 2019 to 75.6% in 2020**
- **Highest Fall-to-Fall retention rate in institutional history!**

Strategies for Spring 2021:

- Signage promoting social distancing in campus buildings.
- Plexiglass barriers to reduce virus transmission.
- Continued use of hand sanitizers stations and sanitizing equipment. (HaloMist foggers)
- Additional cleaning protocols and increased ventilation in buildings.
- Mandatory use of face masks in campus buildings.
- Symptom Monitoring (temperature kiosks across campus)
- Increased classroom and lab social distancing strategies.
- Some classes will split on-campus attendance days.
- Close working relationship with Sioux Falls Community Health.
- Following CDC recommendations for isolation and quarantine.
- Developed internal Contact Tracing Team.



COVID-19 AT SOUTHEAST TECHNICAL COLLEGE



■ Positive Students (in isolation)	15	4	4	6	13	12	8	8	8	20	18	13	9	6
■ Positive Employees (in isolation)	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	2	3	1	3	6	2	3



FALL 2020 Campus Updates

- Continued use of social distancing and Microsoft Teams
- Sioux Falls Development Foundation Talent Draft Day



- Dental Assisting & Vet Tech Labs renovations completed
- Graduation in a Box – Friday, Dec. 11



We are at our best when we celebrate, help, and support one another.

- **Rake the Town** — Over seventy, faculty, staff, and students helped out area residents at this city-wide event that serves individuals over the age of 60 who do not have family available in the area to help with their fall yard work.
- **Laundry Basket Food Donation** — The Student Government Association (SGA), organized a food drive that collected more than 30 laundry baskets of food donations this fall for students and area families in need.
- **Southeast Tech Flu Shot Clinic** - Nursing students working with Sioux Falls Community Health in conjunction with the South Dakota Department of Health, provided a free flu shot clinic for the first time on our campus.
- **Veterans Memorial Repair** — Second-year Collision Technology students refinished the Veterans Memorial Park sign for the community of Colman. The huge iron archway is now proudly displayed at the entrance to the Veteran's Memorial Park.
- **LifeScope and Southeast Tech Students Adapting Toys** - Electrician and Mechatronics students volunteered to help make toy modifications for special-needs children and adults for the upcoming Christmas holiday.





Thank you. Questions?

WESTERN DAKOTA TECH

Board of Technical Education
December 9, 2020



Program Name Change



“Mechnician” to “Autonomous Equipment Technician”

- Mining industry focus.
- New mining project in Lead.
- Collaboration with SDSM&T and Caterpillar.
- Welding and fabrication program project with SDSM&T engineers to build some mining equipment next spring.



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Best Pandemic Practices

- ❖ Honest, open, frequent communication is key. (Different from “transparency.”)
- ❖ Instructional support and IT people are invaluable.
- ❖ Only the most important things are non-negotiable (health, safety, sanity, student skill mastery/expectations). Everything else—flexible, flexible, flexible.
- ❖ Resiliency training and implemented practices.



Western Dakota Tech
April 7 · 🌐

Latest update from WDT - Campus Closed/Doors locked until May 15. Visit wdt.edu for more information.

WDT Update/Coronavirus Updates - April 7

Time Posted - 9:00 am

- Ceremonies Postponed – Commencement, Native American Honoring, Outstanding Graduates, & Nurse Pinning.
 - Watch website & student email for updates.
- Campus Closed, Doors Locked – No outside visitors through May 15.
- Campus Courses – Online now! Students check WDT email & MyWDT.
- Remote Enrollment available now at wdt.edu/RemoteEnrollment.

Questions? Call (605) 718-2400.

1,039 People Reached 32 Engagements [Boost Post](#)

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What's Worked?



- ❖ If ill, stay off campus.
- ❖ Masks, CDC room capacities, 6-ft. spacing, hand washing.
- ❖ COVID hotline for identifying and monitoring cases.
- ❖ Custodial crew and sanitizing equipment.
- ❖ Monument's "nurse triage line" for COVID testing and weekly updates.

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WDT Whitewood Site Update

1. Contract with City of Whitewood approved and WDT signed.
2. Nursing faculty members hired & training underway.
3. Awaiting HLC's Institutional Actions Council's final word. (Review committee's recommendation was to approve).
4. Admissions event in Whitewood on Dec. 12.
5. Location set up starting soon.



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DAKOTA



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LATC

State Board of Tech Ed Update



Happenings at Lake Area Tech

- CALEA Accreditation of Law Enforcement Program
 - Only 43 Accredited Academies in the Nation
- Pierre Location – HLC Visit completed, no concerns.
 - Approval anticipated
- Upskills Program
- Prairie Lakes Healthcare Center of Learning
- Excellence and Equity in Community College STEM Award
- Other Accolades

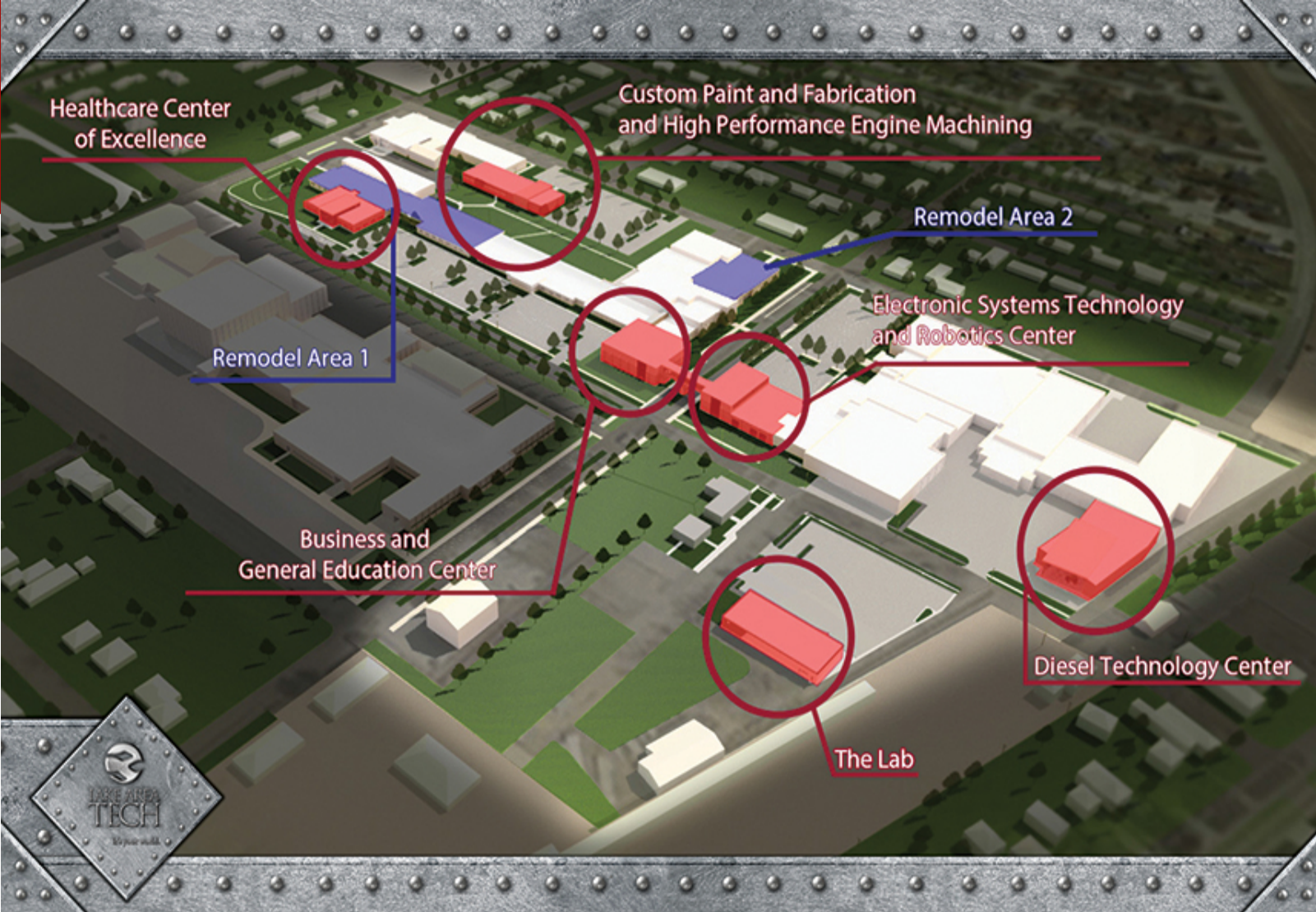


What's Coming

- Virtual Legislator Pre-session meeting – 16 Dec 2020
- Professional Pilot Option – Starts Fall 2021
- Continuing work with Department of Agriculture and the South Dakota Meat Processors on a Butcher Certificate Program
- Working 5G with STC and NATE



LAKE AREA
TECHNICAL COLLEGE



LATC 2016 Campus Strategic Plan

**\$40M investment in LATC facilities ...
starting in 2019 through 2024**

Hodge Podge

- Spring Start
 - Bubble Approach has worked well –
 - Started face-to-face in June
 - “Normal fall semester; August to December
 - Avg 5-15 active cases, no hospitalizations, no campus spread
 - 1850 on campus students plus 250 staff
 - Adjusting for COVID-19 numbers, lessons learned, and possible vaccine
 - Spring classes start 8 January (7 January New Students)
- CRF Grant from State
- Procuring Equipment with \$525K from Legislature
- ***Thank You!***